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Mr. Andrew Lycett

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Dear Mr. Lycett:

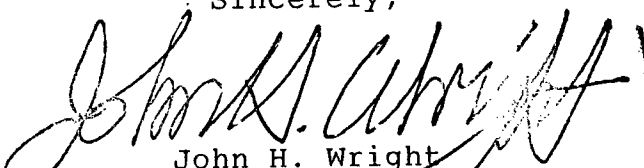
This is to acknowledge receipt of your 6 November 1993 letter wherein you inquired into the status of your 22 March 1993 Freedom of Information Act request for records pertaining to Ian Fleming. You also asked that your request be "regard[ed]" as a priority in view of a pressing book deadline."

With respect to your request for expedited processing, please be advised that expedited processing is granted only in those rare instances where health and/or humanitarian considerations create circumstances of exceptional urgency and extraordinary need. Since your request clearly fails to meet these criteria, your request for expedited treatment is denied. Furthermore, if your deadline is within a short time from now, please be advised that it is extremely unlikely that we will be able to meet it. Keeping that in mind, please let us know as soon as possible if you want us to proceed.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with a date as to when the processing of your request will be completed. Please be assured that we are processing your request as quickly as possible in accordance with our first-received, first-out policy which was instituted to be fair to all requesters. Also be assured that we will provide you a response as soon as the processing has been completed.

Meanwhile, your continued patience while we process your request will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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